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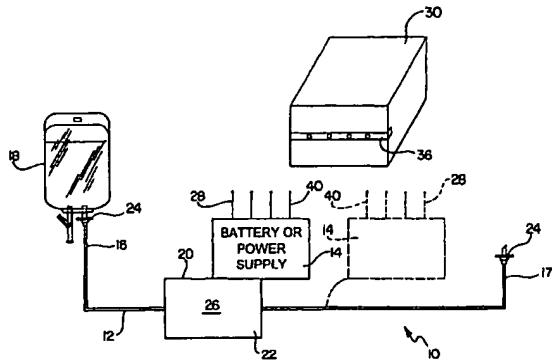
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(54) Title: MEDICAL INFUSION SYSTEM WITH INTEGRATED POWER SUPPLY AND PUMP THEREFOR



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(57) Abstract: A medical infusion system including a lineset used for delivering fluid, such as a liquid medicinal substance, to a patient from a source such as an IV bag (18) through operation of an electric component (30) is disclosed. The preferred infusion system (10) includes disposable tubing (12) having first and second ends (16,17) attachable to at least a first and second medical component, and a power supply (14), such as a fuel cell, battery, battery pack, power paper, or a combination of the same, attached to the tubing (12) wherein the power supply (14) is configured to be activated to provide electric power to the electric component (30). Such configuration may include the use of an activating member, such as a fluid pump. The preferred power supply (14) is a fuel cell (32) having a reactant source and a barrier (54) separating the reactant source from a reaction chamber (46). The barrier (54) is preferably selected from the group consisting of a frangible membrane, a tear seal, and any combination of the two. Additionally, the fuel cell (or the power supply, generally) may be integral to the tubing (12) of the lineset or may be configured to fit within the fluid pump (30). This allows the activating member to be made integral to the fluid pump (30) such that the insertion of the fuel cell (32) into the pump (30) will defeat the barrier (54) and activate the fuel cell (32) to create power.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. Claims Nos.: **30-38, 39-46**
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
see FURTHER INFORMATION sheet PCT/ISA/210

2. Claims Nos.: **47-52**
because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:
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3. Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

see additional sheet

1. As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.

2. As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.

3. As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:

4. No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

1-18

Remark on Protest

The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.

No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. Claims: 1-18

Claims 1-18 essentially define a medical infusion system comprising

- 1) a lineset for attachment at one end to a reservoir and at the other end to another component,
- 2) a durable pump component for engaging the lineset and controlling fluid flow therethrough, and
- 3) a power supply affixed to other than the durable pump component, the power supply being capable of operative connection with the durable pump component.

2. Claims: 19-29, 53-58

Claims 19-29, 53-58 essentially define a medical lineset comprising

- 1) a tubing having first and second ends attachable to at least a first and second medical component,
- 2) a power supply attached to the tubing, and
- 3) an activating member for the power supply.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

Continuation of Box I.1

Claims Nos.: 30-38, 39-46

Rule 39.1(iv) PCT - Method for treatment of the human or animal body by surgery

From the whole description it is unambiguously clear that the fluid pump to be powered is exclusively a medical infusion pump. When powering a medical infusion pump, a patient is supposed to be implicitly present. No other application, apart from powering a medical infusion pump, has been disclosed in the description.

Continuation of Box I.2

Claims Nos.: 47-52

Although independent claims 1 and 47 have been drafted as separate independent claims, they appear to relate effectively to the same subject-matter, i.e. overlap in scope, and to differ from each other only with regard to the definition of the subject-matter for which protection is sought or in respect of the terminology used for the features of that subject-matter.

Drafting two independent claims which overlap in scope results in a lack of clarity as it is not possible to determine which subject-matter could represent the invention for which protection is sought. Therefore, the claims as a whole fail to comply with the requirements of clarity and conciseness (Article 6 and Rule 6.1(a) PCT).

Therefore, a search has only been carried out for the parts of the application which seem to represent the invention for which protection is sought, i.e. claims 1-18. Consequently, no search has been carried out for the remaining claims, i.e. claims 47-52.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims, or parts of claims, relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure.

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